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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

VIA TELEFAX AND
REGULAR MAIL

October 23, 2003

NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group
c/o Jeff Leed, Project Coordinator
Leed Environmental, Inc.
124 Deborah Drive
Reading, PA 19610

Dear Mr. Leed:

This letter is written in response to letters that you sent to me in April 2003. Accordingly, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby:

- 1) certifies, pursuant to Section 48 (b) of the Generator Consent Decree for the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site in Granite City, Illinois (the Site), that the Generator Settling Defendants have completed the remedial action at the Site;
- 2) approves the reduction of the amount of financial security required by the Generator Settling Defendants for the Site from \$20,000,000 to \$1,000,000;
- 3) confirms that Johnson Controls' 2002 Annual Report is sufficient to demonstrate the Generator Settling Defendants' financial ability (for calendar year 2003) to complete the remaining work at the Site; and
- 4) confirms that it is no longer necessary for the Generator Settling Defendants to maintain comprehensive general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance pursuant to the Generator Consent Decree.

You also indicated in your letters that you had questions regarding the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) for the Site. Those questions have already been answered by Sheri Bianchin, EPA's Project Manager for the Site SEP.

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Please contact me at (312) 886-4742 if you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brad Bradley
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Sandy Bron, Illinois EPA